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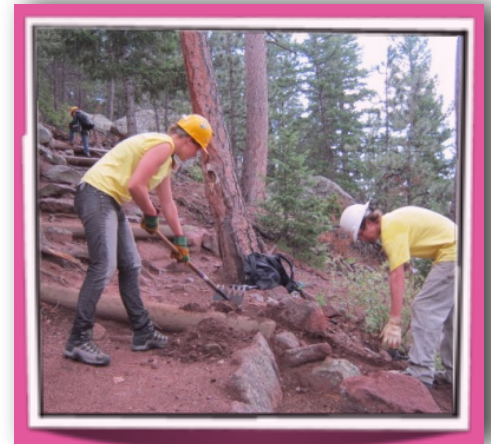


"How Can We Stop the Destruction of Our Environment?"

Crew One shares some thoughts on conservation.

Living and working in Boulder, we are part of a very environmentally conscious community. So when we met Ranger Rick Hatfield for one of our environmental education lessons, we found ourselves asking how we as Junior Rangers, and citizens of the world, could stop the destruction of our natural environments. These are some of our answers:

1. Be optimistic about life!
2. Don't use electronics when enjoying the environment.
3. Work with the environment rather than against it.
4. Educate the public about natural ecosystems and safety.
5. Think about your impact.
6. Use all resources sustainably.
7. Utilize alternative energy and transportation.
8. Provide opportunities for sustainable waste management.
9. Practice "Leave No Trace" principles when out in nature.



Junior Rangers 2011

The Junior Ranger Program builds a safe work experience dedicated to preserving land through trail maintenance and resource management tasks. Through our work, we foster awareness, knowledge, and respect for natural and human communities while cultivating personal growth.



Natural Observations by Crew Two

7 Ways of Looking at a Flower

- To the grass below: it is a towering giant of unattainable perfection.
- To bees: an altar, a gift from the Gods.
- To an unobservant hiker: something to be stepped on and ignored.
- To a lover of nature: an entire ecosystem living quietly, waiting to be noticed.
- To the sky: a relief from the greenness of the earth.
- To the arrogant sun: its size is laughable.
- To its peers: just another flower, no different from the rest.



7 Ways of Looking at a Tree

- A shelter for animals.
- Towers overhead.
- Provides a home for birds.
- Creates a cover for the massive mountains.
- Needles that soak in the winter sun.
- Gives so much, but comes from so little.
- Dancing in the wind.

Crew Four Haikus

Recycling is...
Helping our planet survive
There is a future



Repairing our trail
Cleaning out our waterbars
Making people smile



The pine trees smell good
Like vanilla and caramel
Sniff them as you pass



Team members
Work with diligence
And pride



Our corridors shine
Our waterbars fine
Junior Rangers are sublime



The building of a team
A core of leadership
Reaching out



Birdsong: A poem by Adam Hamilton

To each, the song of a bird rings a different tune.
To some, it brings music,
To others, a memory.
To few, an emotion,
To fewer, a contemplation.
But to many, it does not ring.

What Would Nature Say?: A poem by Larissa Hunt

If nature could speak, what would it say?
Would it speak through the chirping of the birds?
The wind rushing through the branches?
Would it yell at us with the crack of thunder and the
flash of lightning?
Or would it comfort us with the buzzing of the bees and
the trickling of a creek in the distance?
Are these just the sounds of the forest, or the words of
nature?
If we could understand nature's noises, what would we
hear?